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## U.S. SUPREME COURT

**U.S. Supreme Court Building:** 1 First St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20543, phone (202) 479-3000, website — [www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov)

**Chief Justice of the United States:** John G. Roberts, Jr.

Article III, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution provides that “the judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.”

The Supreme Court is composed of the chief justice of the United States and such number of associate justices as may be fixed by Congress. The current number of associate justices is eight. The U.S. president nominates justices, and appointments are made with the advice and consent of the Senate. Article III, Section 1, further provides that “the Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.” A justice may retire at age 70 after serving for 10 years as a federal judge or at age 65 after serving 15 years.

The term of the court begins, by law, the first Monday in October of each year and continues as long as the business before the court requires, usually until the end of June. Six members constitute a quorum. Approximately 10,000 cases are filed with the court in the course of a term. In addition, about 1,200 applications of various kinds are filed each year that can be acted upon by a single justice.

According to the Constitution (Article III, Section 2), the Supreme Court has jurisdiction over:

- all cases in law and equity arising under the U.S. Constitution, the laws of the United States and treaties made under their authority
- all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls
- all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction
- controversies to which the United States is a party
- controversies between two or more states, between a state and citizens of another state, between citizens of different states, between citizens of the same state claiming lands under grants of different states, and between a state, or the citizens thereof, and foreign states, citizens or subjects

In all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, and those in which a state is a party, the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction. In all the other cases mentioned above, the Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction, with exceptions made by Congress. Congress has no authority to change the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

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<sup>1</sup>Sources: *The United States Government Manual 2009-10* and information provided by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska and the Federal Public Defender's Office for the District of Nebraska.

<b>Supreme Court Justice</b>	<b>Position</b>
Samuel A. Alito, Jr.....	Associate Justice
Stephen G. Breyer.....	Associate Justice
Ruth Bader Ginsburg.....	Associate Justice
Elena Kagan.....	Associate Justice
Anthony M. Kennedy.....	Associate Justice
Antonin Scalia.....	Associate Justice
Sonia M. Sotomayor.....	Associate Justice
Clarence Thomas.....	Associate Justice
John G. Roberts, Jr.....	Chief Justice

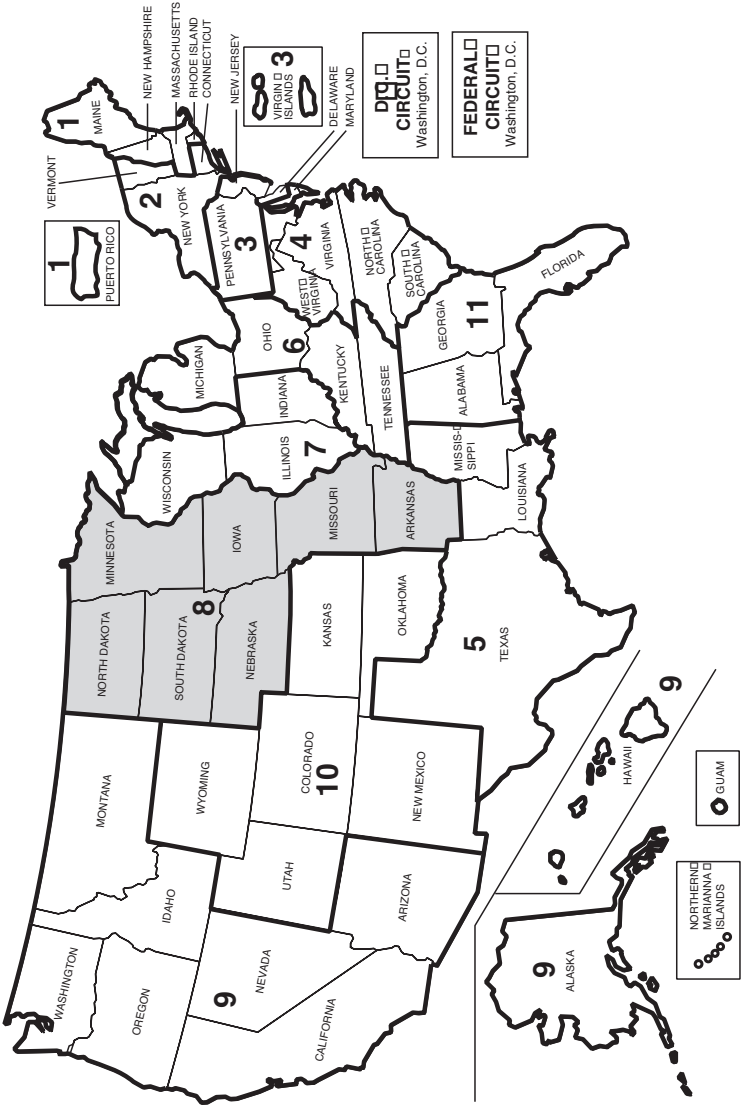
## COURTS OF APPEALS

The courts of appeals are intermediate appellate courts created to relieve the Supreme Court of considering all appeals in cases originally decided by the federal trial courts. Appeal courts are empowered to review all final decisions and certain provisional decisions of district courts. Appeal courts also are empowered to review and enforce orders of many federal administrative bodies. The decisions of courts of appeals are final, except that they may receive discretionary review or be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The United States is divided into 12 judicial circuits, including the District of Columbia. Each circuit has a court of appeals. Each state is assigned to a circuit, and the U.S. territories are assigned variously to the first, third and ninth circuits. A court of appeals for the Federal Circuit, which has nationwide jurisdiction defined by subject matter, also exists. Each court of appeals has six to 28 permanent circuit judgeships (179 in all), depending upon the amount of judicial work in the circuit. Circuit judges hold their offices during good behavior.

The judge senior in commission who is younger than 70 years old (65 at inception of term), has been in office at least one year, and has not previously been chief judge, serves as the chief judge of the circuit for a seven-year term. One Supreme Court justice is assigned as circuit justice for each of the 13 judicial circuits. Each court of appeals normally hears cases in panels of three judges each, but the court may sit with all judges present.

U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup>Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Number and composition of circuits set forth by 28 U.S.C. Section 41.

## 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

**Main Circuit Court Office:** Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 10th St., Suite 24.329, St. Louis, MO 63102, phone (314) 244-2400, website — [www.ca8.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov)

**Subsidiary Circuit Court Office:** 500 Federal Courts Building, 316 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101, phone (651) 848-1300

**Circuit Justice:** Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

**Chief Judge:** William J. Riley

Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota comprise the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Nebraska is represented on the court by one circuit judge and two senior judges. Senior judges are circuit judges who assume a smaller caseload than the active circuit judges.

The main court clerk's office is in St. Louis, and a subsidiary court clerk's office is in St. Paul, Minn. The court has one general term annually, which begins the second Monday in September.

8th Circuit Judge	Office Location	Position
Morris S. Arnold.....	Little Rock, Ark. ....	Senior Circuit Judge
C. Arlen Beam .....	Lincoln .....	Senior Circuit Judge
Duane Benton.....	Kansas City, Mo. ....	Circuit Judge
Pasco M. Bowman II.....	Kansas City, Mo. ....	Senior Circuit Judge
Myron H. Bright.....	Fargo, N.D. ....	Senior Circuit Judge
Kermit E. Bye.....	Fargo, N.D. ....	Circuit Judge
Steven M. Colloton .....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	Circuit Judge
John R. Gibson.....	Kansas City, Mo. ....	Senior Circuit Judge
Raymond W. Gruender .....	St. Louis, Mo. ....	Circuit Judge
David R. Hansen .....	Cedar Rapids, Iowa .....	Senior Circuit Judge
James B. Loken .....	Minneapolis, Minn.....	Circuit Judge
Michael J. Melloy .....	Cedar Rapids, Iowa .....	Circuit Judge
Diana E. Murphy.....	Minneapolis, Minn.....	Circuit Judge
William Jay Riley.....	Omaha.....	Chief Circuit Judge
Bobby E. Shepherd.....	El Dorado, Ark. ....	Circuit Judge
Lavenski R. Smith .....	Little Rock, Ark. ....	Circuit Judge
Roger L. Wollman .....	Sioux Falls, S.D.....	Circuit Judge

## 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Nebraska Judges, 1933-2011

Joseph W. Woodrough.....	1933-1961	Donald R. Ross <sup>4</sup> .....	1971-2003
Harvey M. Johnsen .....	1940-1965	C. Arlen Beam <sup>5</sup> .....	1987-
Donald P. Lay <sup>3</sup> .....	1966-1983	William Jay Riley.....	2001-

<sup>3</sup>Moved from Nebraska to Minnesota in January 1983

<sup>4</sup>Senior Judge, 1987-2003

<sup>5</sup>Senior Judge, 2001-present

## 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Nebraska Judges, 2011



### C. ARLEN BEAM

### SENIOR JUDGE

**Office Address:** 435 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-1600

**Appointed to 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals:** Nov. 9, 1987; assumed senior judge status Feb. 1, 2001

**Biography:** Born Jan. 14, 1930, in Stapleton. Graduate of University of Nebraska (B.S.), 1951; (J.D.), 1965. Married Betty Fletcher, July 22, 1951; five children: Randal, James, Thomas, Bradley and Gregory. Military service: captain in U.S. Army. Former: appointed to U.S. District Court-District of Nebraska, Nov. 18, 1981 (chief judge 1986-87); practiced with law firms of Knudsen, Berkheimer, Beam, Richardson and Endacott, 1979-82; Knudsen, Berkheimer, Endacott & Beam, 1971-79; Chambers, Holland, Dudgeon & Beam, 1968-71; Chambers, Holland & Dudgeon, 1965-68. **Member:** Nebraska State Bar Association (admitted in 1965); Omaha Bar Association; Lincoln Bar Association; commissioner for National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Author of *Chief Judge Harvey M. Johnsen — A Prophet*

*with Honor* and articles to legal periodicals.

### WILLIAM JAY RILEY

### CIRCUIT JUDGE

**Office Address:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 4303, Omaha, NE 68102-1322, phone (402) 661-7575

**Appointed to 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals:** August 3, 2001; became chief judge of the court, April 1, 2010

**Biography:** Born March 11, 1947, in Lincoln. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A., Phi Beta Kappa), 1969; University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D. with distinction and Order of the Coif), 1972. Married Norma Mason Riley, Dec. 27, 1965; three children: Brian J. Riley, Kevin J. Riley and Erin J. Riley Hoffman. Adjunct professor of trial practice, University of Nebraska - Lincoln College of Law, 2006-present. Former: adjunct professor of trial practice, Creighton Law School, 1991-2009; principal, Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler and Brennan, P.C., L.L.O., 1973-2001. **Member:** Criminal Law Committee, Judicial Council of the United States; board of trustees, Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America (juvenile diversion leader, 1997; scoutmaster, Troop 444, 1979-89); fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers (former Nebraska chair); associate, American Board of Trial Advocates (former state president); board certified civil trial specialist, National Board of Trial Advocacy; delegate to House of Delegates, Nebraska State Bar Association, 1998-present (chair of ethics committee, 1996-98; current member of professionalism committee); Omaha Bar Association (former president and executive council member); counselor and former master, Robert M. Spire American Inns of Court.



## DISTRICT COURTS

U.S. district courts are the trial courts of general federal jurisdiction. Each state has at least one district court, and the larger states have as many as four. Altogether there are 94 U.S. district courts.

Each district court has two to 28 federal district judgeships, depending upon the amount of judicial work within its territory. Usually, only one judge is required to hear and decide a case in a district court, but in some cases it is required that three judges comprise the court. The judge senior in commission who is younger than 70 years old (65 at inception of term), has been in office for at least one year, and has not previously been chief judge, serves as chief judge for a seven-year term.

District judges hold their offices during good behavior. Each district court has one or more magistrate judges and bankruptcy judges, a clerk, a U.S. attorney, a U.S. marshal, probation officers, court reporters and their staffs.<sup>6</sup>

Cases from the district courts are reviewable on appeal by the applicable court of appeals.

### U.S. District Court — District of Nebraska

**Main District Court Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68102-1303, phone (402) 661-7350, website — [www.ned.uscourts.gov](http://www.ned.uscourts.gov)

**Divisional District Court Office:** 593 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-1900

**Chief Judge:** Joseph F. Bataillon

**Clerk of the District Court:** Denise M. Lucks

**Main Bankruptcy Court Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68102-1303, phone (402) 661-7444

**Divisional Bankruptcy Court Office:** 460 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5100

**Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:** Diane L. Zech

**Pretrial Services:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68102-1303, phone (402) 661-7560; 546 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5795

**Chief Pretrial Services Officer:** Timothy G. Connor

**Probation:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68102-1303, phone (402) 661-7555; 530 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5223

**Chief Probation Officer:** Mary Lee Ranheim

Nebraska constitutes a single district in the U.S. district court system. The state is served by three district judges, two senior district judges, three magistrate judges and two bankruptcy judges. Senior district judges assume a smaller caseload than the regular district judges.

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<sup>6</sup>See Pages 155-156 for more details on U.S. attorneys and Pages 158-160 for more details on U.S. marshals.

<b>District Judge</b>	<b>Office Location</b>	<b>Position</b>
Joseph F. Bataillon.....	Omaha.....	Chief Judge
Laurie Smith Camp.....	Omaha.....	District Judge
Richard G. Kopf.....	Lincoln.....	District Judge

<b>Senior District Judge</b>	<b>Office Location</b>	<b>Position</b>
Lyle E. Strom.....	Omaha.....	Senior District Judge
Warren K. Urbom.....	Lincoln.....	Senior District Judge

<b>Magistrate Judge</b>	<b>Office Location</b>	<b>Position</b>
F.A. Gossett III.....	Omaha.....	Magistrate Judge
Thomas D. Thalken.....	Omaha.....	Magistrate Judge
Cheryl R. Zwart.....	Lincoln.....	Magistrate Judge

<b>Bankruptcy Judge</b>	<b>Office Location</b>	<b>Position</b>
Timothy J. Mahoney.....	Omaha.....	Bankruptcy Judge
Thomas L. Saladino.....	Lincoln.....	Bankruptcy Judge

## U.S. District Court — District of Nebraska

### Nebraska Judges, 1868-2011

Elmer S. Dundy.....	1868-1896	Richard V. Denney.....	1971-1981
William D. McHugh.....	1896-1897	Albert G. Schatz.....	1973-1985
William H. Munger.....	1897-1915	C. Arlen Beam.....	1982-1987
Thomas C. Munger.....	1907-1941	William G. Cambridge.....	1988-2000
Joseph W. Woodrough.....	1916-1933	Warren K. Urbom <sup>10</sup> .....	1970-
James A. Donohoe.....	1933-1956	Lyle E. Strom <sup>11</sup> .....	1985-
John W. Delehant <sup>7</sup> .....	1942-1972	Richard G. Kopf.....	1992-
Richard E. Robinson <sup>8</sup> .....	1956-1991	Thomas M. Shanahan <sup>12</sup> .....	1993-2007
Robert Van Pelt <sup>9</sup> .....	1957-1970	Joseph F. Bataillon.....	1997-
Richard A. Dier.....	1971-1972	Laurie Smith Camp.....	2001-

<sup>7</sup> Senior judge until death in 1972.

<sup>8</sup> Senior judge, 1972-91.

<sup>9</sup> Retired from the bench in 1970, but assumed senior judge status until death in 1988.

<sup>10</sup> Senior judge, 1991-present.

<sup>11</sup> Senior judge, 1995-present.

<sup>12</sup> Senior judge, inactive status due to retirement.



## U.S. District Court — District of Nebraska Nebraska Judges, 2011

### JOSEPH F. BATAILLON

### CHIEF JUDGE

**Office Address:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 3259, Omaha, NE 68102-1322, phone (402) 661-7302, e-mail address — [jfb@ned.uscourts.gov](mailto:jfb@ned.uscourts.gov)

**Appointed as U.S. District Judge:** Sept. 18, 1997; became chief judge for the District of Nebraska, Dec. 1, 2004

**Biography:** Born 1949, in Omaha. Graduate of Creighton University (B.A. in political science), 1971; Creighton University (J.D.), 1974. Married Pamela D. Nelson, 1971; five children: Aimee, Jared, Margery, Patrick and Kathryn. Military service: 403rd Military Police POW Camp, Enclosure Commander, U.S. Army Reserve, 1976-78; 119 Judge Advocate General Det. Defense Counsel, U.S. Army Reserve, 1978-86. Former: private practice trial attorney, Sodoro, Daly and Sodoro, Omaha, 1980-97; deputy Douglas County public defender, 1974-80; Nebraska Democratic Party state chairman, 1993-95. **Member:** Budget Committee, Economic Subcommittee, Federal Judicial Conference; board of directors, Federal Judges Association; Nebraska State Bar Association (chairman, House of Delegates, 1992-93; budget committee chairman, 2003-05); Omaha State Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; American Bar Association. **Former member:** chairman, Space and Facility committee; board of directors, Nebraska Continuing Legal Education 1992-93; budget and finance advisory committee, Administrative Office of the Courts, 2001-05; District CM/ECF working group for the Administrative Office of the Courts, 2001-05.



### RICHARD G. KOPF

### JUDGE

**Office Address:** 586 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3803, phone (402) 437-1640

**Appointed as U.S. District Judge:** May 26, 1992; served as chief judge for the District of Nebraska, 1999-2004

**Biography:** Born Dec. 1, 1946, in Toledo, Ohio. Graduate of Kearney State College, 1969; University of Nebraska College of Law (with distinction and Order of the Coif), 1972. Married Verdella Blank Kopf (deceased Dec. 26, 1986); three children: Marne C. Byrd, Lisa Sedlacek and Keller Kopf. Married Joan Stofferson, April 30, 1992. Former: appointed full-time U.S. magistrate, 1987; private law practice, Cook, Kopf and Doyle, Lexington, 1974-86; served as counsel for the state of Nebraska in regard to the impeachment of the Nebraska attorney general, 1984; law clerk to Donald R. Ross, U.S. Circuit Judge, 1972-74. **Honors and awards:** elected Fellow of the Nebraska Bar Foundation, 1989.

## U.S. District Court — District of Nebraska

### Nebraska Judges, 2011 (Cont'd.)



#### LAURIE SMITH CAMP

#### JUDGE

**Office Address:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 3210, Omaha, NE 68102-1322, phone (402) 661-7323

**Appointed as U.S. District Judge:** Nov. 2, 2001

**Biography:** Born Nov. 28, 1953, in Omaha. Graduate of Stanford University (B.A.), 1974; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (J.D.), 1977. Two children: Jonathan and Abby. Former: Nebraska Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Matters, 1995-2001; real estate development, Lincoln Haymarket District, 1982-2000; chief, Civil Rights Section, Office of Nebraska Attorney General, 1991-95; general counsel, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, 1980-91; private practice in Nebraska and Kansas, 1977-80. **Member:** 8th Circuit Judicial Council, committees on senior judges (chair), space and facilities, bankruptcy and jury instruction; University of Nebraska President's Society; Robert M. Spire American Inn of Court; director, Omaha Downtown Rotary Club. **Former member:** chairwoman, Nebraska Federal Practice Committee;

president, Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; president, Robert M. Spire American Inn of Court; director, Nebraska County Attorneys Association; director, Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime; president, Abendmusik, classical music series; director, Nebraska Conference of United Church of Christ; president, Nebraska Correctional Association; director, Willa Cather Foundation; community board member, Nebraska Shakespeare Festival; Nebraska State Bar Association, committees on corrections, legislation, professionalism and minorities and justice. **Honors and awards:** Lifetime Fellow, Nebraska Bar Foundation; University of Nebraska - Lincoln, College of Law, Distinguished Alumni Award, 2006; Outstanding Contributor to Women in Law Award, NSBA Women and the Law Section, 2005; Warren K. Urbom Mentor Award, Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court, 2004; Nebraska Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Top Award, 2001; Nebraska State Manager of the Year, 1994; editor-in-chief, Nebraska Law Review, 1976-77.

#### LYLE E. STROM

#### SENIOR JUDGE

**Office Address:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 3190, Omaha, NE 68102-1322, phone (402) 661-7320

**Appointed as U.S. District Judge:** Nov. 1, 1985; served as chief judge for the District of Nebraska, 1987-94; assumed senior judge status Nov. 2, 1995

**Biography:** Born Jan. 6, 1925, in Omaha. Graduate of Creighton University (B.A.), 1950; Creighton University School of Law (J.D.), 1953. Married July 31, 1950; wife Regina Kelly, deceased; seven children: Mary Bess Hawkins, Amy C., Susan (deceased), Cassie, Margaret, David and Bryan. Admitted to practice in Nebraska State Courts, 1953; 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1955; U.S. Supreme Court, 1970; 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1974. Director of Robert Spire Intern Program, 1995-present. Former: instructor at Creighton University School of Law, 1958-70 and 1974-95. **Member:** American College of Trial Lawyers (fellow); International Academy of Trial Lawyers (fellow); Nebraska State Bar Association (admitted 1953; president, 1989-90; executive council, 1981-87; Committee on Inquiry for 4th Judicial District, 1970-85; House of Delegates, 1977-81); Omaha Bar Association (president, 1980-81; Memorials Committee, 1976-85; chairman, Committee on



## U.S. District Court — District of Nebraska Nebraska Judges, 2011 (Cont'd.)

### LYLE E. STROM (CONT'D.)

Supreme Court Redistricting, 1974-80); Defense Research Institute; Omaha Rotary Club (president, 1993-94; board of directors, 1988-91); Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit honorary fraternity); Archbishop's Committee for Educational Development (chairman, 1983-84); Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America (chairman, executive committee, Juvenile Diversion Program, 1990-present; board of trustees, executive committee). Former member: Committee on Practice and Procedure, co-chairman, Federal Practice Committee, U.S. District Court-District of Nebraska; Nebraska Supreme Court; 8th Circuit Judicial Conference Committee on Study Restructuring of the Judicial Conference; 8th Circuit Court of Appeals Gender Fairness Task Force, 1993-97; Committee on Rules and Procedure, American Bar Association, 1977-85; Provisional Remedies Subcommittee, Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure, 1978-82; president, Midwestern Association of Amateur Athletics Union, 1976-78. Honors and awards: Omaha Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award, 2002; 8th Circuit Professionalism Award, American Inns of Court, 2001; Creighton University School of Law Faculty Award, 1953.

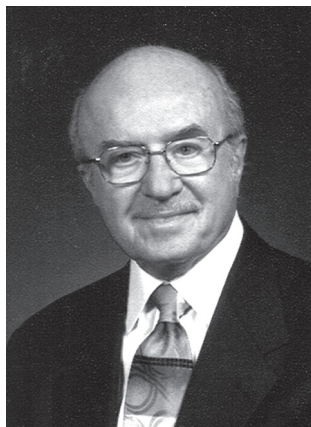
### WARREN K. URBOM

### SENIOR JUDGE

**Office Address:** 507 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3803, phone (402) 437-5231

**Appointed as U.S. District Judge:** 1970; served as chief judge for the District of Nebraska, 1972-86; assumed senior judge status January 1991

**Biography:** Born Dec. 17, 1925, in Atlanta. Attended schools in McDonald, Kan., and Arapahoe, Neb. Graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University (A.B. with highest distinction), 1950; University of Michigan Law School (J.D. with distinction), 1953. Married Joyce Crawford, Aug. 19, 1951; four children: Kim Rager, Allison Raich, Joy Taylor and Randall. Former: adjunct instructor in trial advocacy, University of Nebraska College of Law, 1979-90; practicing trial lawyer in Lincoln, 1953-70. **Member:** Lincoln Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association; Bar Association. **Former member:** U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Nebraska, 1987-91; board of trustees and committee on academic affairs, St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., 1986-90; chairman, Federal Judicial Center Committee on Orientation for Newly Appointed District Judges, 1985-89; chairman, State-Federal Judicial Council of Nebraska, 1977-86; board of directors, Federal Judicial Center, 1982-86; Committee on Student Affairs, 1983-85; Committee on Board Affairs, 1980-83; Commission on the Future of Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1980-82; board of governors, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1957-2009 (chairman, 1975-80); president, U.S. District Judges Association of the 8th Circuit, 1977-79; Nebraska Supreme Court committee that produced Nebraska jury instructions in 1969 and Nebraska rules of evidence in 1975; board of directors, Lincoln YMCA (president, 1965-66). **Honors and awards:** Lewis F. Powell Jr. Award for Ethics and Professionalism from American Inns of Court Foundation, 1995; Executive of the Year Award, Professional Secretaries International, Cornhusker Chapter, 1994; Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award, 1993; Liberty Bell Award, Lincoln Bar Association, 1993; Nebraska State Bar Foundation Outstanding Legal Educator Award, 1990; honorary Doctor of Laws degree, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1984; Nebraska Wesleyan University Alumni Association Medal of Honor, 1983; elected to American College of Trial Lawyers, 1970; listed in *Who's Who In America*, *Who's Who in Government* and *Who's Who in American Law*.



## Federal Public Defender

**Federal Public Defender — District of Nebraska Office:** 222 S. 15th St., Suite 300N, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-7896, fax (402) 221-7884; 112 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5871, fax (402) 437-5874, e-mail address — david\_stickman@fd.org, website — <http://ne.fd.org>

**Nebraska Federal Public Defender:** David R. Stickman

The Criminal Justice Act establishes the procedure for the appointment of counsel in federal criminal cases for individuals who are unable to afford adequate representation under plans adopted by each district court. The act also permits district courts to establish federal public defender or federal community defender organizations in districts where at least 200 people annually require the appointment of counsel. Nebraska has had a federal public defender since 1993. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals appoints the Nebraska federal public defender for a four-year renewable term.

## Nebraska Federal Public Defender, 2011

### DAVID R. STICKMAN

**Office Address:** 222 S. 15th St., Suite 300N, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-7896

**Appointed Federal Public Defender for the District of Nebraska:** Dec. 1, 1993

**Biography:** Born 1955 in Omaha. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in business administration), 1978; Washington College of Law, American University (J.D.), 1981. Married Dec. 29, 1980; three children. Admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, 1982; Maryland, 1982; Nebraska, 1983; Supreme Court of the United States, 1987; U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1982; 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1987. **Member:** Robert M. Spire American Inn of Court; past president, Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association; commissioner, Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy; past-president, National Association of Federal Public Defenders; Nebraska State Bar Association.

